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DEADLINE FOR EIGHTIETH ISSUE-----APRIL 1

DEAR MEMBERS,

I AM HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT AFTER A TWO YEAR LAYOFF FROM THE COIN SHOWS, THAT THE COIN SHOW COMMITTEE HAS STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE AND HIT ANOTHER HOMERUN. YES WE ARE ON THE NUMISMATIC CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 4-5, 2004 TO BE HOSTED AT THE FREMONT ELKS CLUB. PLENTY OF FREE PARKING AT THE CLUB AND ON THE STREET. PLENTY OF EATING ESTABLISHMENT WITHIN BLOCKS OF THE SHOW AND FOR THOSE COMING FROM OUT OF TOWN SEVERAL HOTELS AND MOTELS TO CHOOSE FROM. WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION IN NEAR FUTURE.

VINCE LACARIERE HAS GLADLY VOLUNTEERED TO HANDLE THE BOURSE SALES WHICH ARE FOR SALE AS I TYPE THIS LETTER, EARLY SELL OUT IS EXPECTED FOR THIS VENUE WHICH HAS HOSTED A VERY SUCCESSFUL FREMONT COIN CLUB TWO DAY SHOW RECENTLY. YOU CAN CONTACT VINCE AT COINVINCE@AOL.COM OR THE FREMONT COIN GALLERY AT 1-510-792-1511.

2003 Ron Miller Medal awarded to Fred G. van den Haak.

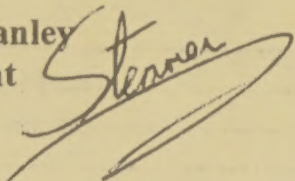
It was a pleasure and a privilege to stand before a crowd of 90 numismatist to award the 2003 Miller medal to Fred at the Joint Christmas party held in Fairfield recently. He is a noted numismatist, hobbyist, collector, and specialist, editor, held every office in the N.C.N.A. except for treasurer and goes out of the way to make things happen for the betterment of the hobby.

Gordon R Donnell Receives Numismatic Ambassador award

The Joint Christmas Party was also the venue for the announcement that Gordon had been selected by his peers for the prestigious Numismatic Ambassador. Nominated By Mike Stanley, Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki, and Dr. Donald Kagin. Recently given the title by the San Jose Coin Club, as the roving numismatic ambassador, and the Diablo Coin Club as the numismatic ambassador-at-large. Gordon said. "I know have the Grand Daddy of them all" Nice going Gordon.

Yours in Numismatics,

Mike Stanley
President



THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

It was just a causal remark, meaning no offensive or disrespect, but he wanted to know why I, in one of my numerous capacities, continued to remember, and to respect the memory of, or even care, about 'Maxine'. "Why, you are the only one who might remember her, and we do not now", referring to Maxine M. Hopperstad (1911-1994), a very early member and for decades devoted *celebrant* for, in, with, and of the Vallejo Numismatic Society.

Yes, he is right. I am the only one of a very few----*which list gets shorter with age and years*----who remembered her. Yes, she is gone, long dead. Yes, many of those now care not, not in rudeness, because now is now.

Yet, we all forget that the past is prologue to the present. We forget that those before us laid the foundation for us today to walk on. We should not lost sight that somewhere, sometime, some years ago others did what we now do.

Before all the InterNet, before e-mails, before desktop publishing, before cheap franchise printers, there were upright Underwoods, as my first issues of NCNA HEADS AND TALES can attest. There was ditto machines, mimeograph, Ten Cents First Class Postage, file cards, and no ATMs. This is not a roster of history and the rapid technological advancement of the recent generations.

No, it is a reality check, that once, there were local coin club members, who did the chores and jobs----*typed the newsletters, remember typing?, licked the Ten Cents Stamps, filed the membership dues cards, and whatever else that needed to be done and was done*----that we, the *celebrants* of our hobby, do today.

So, technology has changed; but, the need for the chore and job has not. Somebody has to do it, and when no one does, then nothing, absolute silence and void.

Here comes my remembrance for Maxine M. Hopperstad, or Maxine Bryce, with the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, or Ra Brown, with the Livermore Valley Coin Club, or Ray Erickson, with the Cupertino Coin Club, or Bill DuTemple, with the Delta Coin Club, or Willard Spierch, with the Alameda Coin Club, or most recently, Joe Sirois, with the Fairfield Coin Club, or the McCanns, with the old Napa Valley Coin Club.

Yes, I could ramble one, and the roster would only grow, dimly with names even myself would not know or care. Add the Donald T. Thralls, The Romeo Lavezzos, The Hans Hanssons, The Carl Windons, The Manny Ezidros, and The Brian Kestners, and so on.

What do these names have common? Sadly, they are gone. Candidly, their work, their hours at a typewriter, their pain in lifting tables, their toil in mixing the coffee, their balancing a checkbook or writing a remittance to pay a show flier invoice, their Show 'n Tells, their attendance and potluck dish, and themselves founded that we have today, us here and those reading this can and do enjoy and excite ourselves in our hobby at the local level, the grass-roots of organized numismatics.

They did it, and they did it as so many today, not just for themselves but others then. What they did----*and this is important*----made it possible for us today, as we shall make it possible for others tomorrow.

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

NEWS FLASH! NOR-CAL RETURNS!

Thanks to the enthused leadership of our President Michael M. Stanley, and a little sweat and pain--- *remember no gain without any pain!*---our Association, as President Stanley proudly announced is 'back-in-the-saddle' again with Nor-Cal V Coin Show, as follows:

Saturday and Sunday, December 4 and 5, 2004

Hours 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Daily

Elks' Lodge #2121

38911 Farwell Drive, off Mowry, in Fremont, California

Free Admission and Parking

A Full Two Days---Bourse, Exhibits, Youth Table, Collector Meetings, and More!

Show Coordinator: Michael M. Stanley, at 925-825-0649 and xsteamex@aol.com

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President Stanley has appointed the key functionaires and directed that our Association plan and prepare for a return of a great northern California tradition. Initial publicity was mailed out about January 1, 2004, and already one collector group has committed to gather. Collector groups---*those seeking a free venue and free promotion to meet*---are welcomed to contact and arrange for a time slot. Exhibits will also be warmly welcomed. Needless to say, so far this is preliminary. The May 2004 NCNA HEADS AND TALES should be listing specifics. ***In the meantime, Mark Your Calendar! Nor-Cal V In 2004!***

2004 Dues

Included with this Issue is the Annual Dues Notice. Dues is obligated for all Individual and Club Members, unless awarded Life Members or have prepaid. Please remit dues---\$5.00 for Individuals and \$10.00 for Clubs, both for calendar year---to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.

2003 Miller Medal

First, echoing President Stanley's message, Congratulations to our Secretary Fred G. van den Haak, the newest 'Miller Medal'---Ron Miller Memorial Award---honoree. *Second*, written nominations for 2004 may be submitted through June 30, 2004, the deadline, which is enforced quite strictly. *Third*, in long lasting tribute, included as Page 12 with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES Issue is a roster of the 'Miller Medal' honorees. This roster should clarify who has been awarded as well as provide insight to those who might intend to nominate someone. Questions may be to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings

Hello! First, began with the Seventy-Eighth (78th) Issue, September 2003, Branch Mint Reports are now done in alphabetic order. And, no one has expressed and comment for, against, about, or anything. *Second*, local coin clubs are reminded for coverage in NCNA HEADS AND TALES----*plus also the California State Numismatic Association's (CSNA) quarterly CALCOIN NEWS and future CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIST*----Your Editor requires newsletters, bulletins, and news releases be mailed to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. Although Your Editor receives much, due to his numerous memberships, that which is mailed to his home and that which is mailed to the post office box are different and expedited differently. With the amount of mail Your Editor receives and the number of publications that he does----*Vallejo Numismatic Society's monthly BULLETIN, the Fairfield Coin Club's monthly FAIRFIELD MONEYGRAM, CALCOIN NEWS and soon CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIST, the STAN-O-GRAM, and our NCNA HEADS AND TALES, plus others*----the courtesy and cooperation would be appreciated and asked. *Editors: Please Assist. Thank You.*

ALAMEDA COIN CLUB

Ended its 2003 year with its Annual Christmas Dinner, last December 9, 2003 at Alameda's Juanita's Restaurant. The Club has set next September 26, 2004 as the date for its Coin Show, remaining at Alameda High School: Boys/Girls Gym, on Oak Street----*no exact street address or intersecting streets have been reported*----on Alameda, California. Why 'On'? Because Alameda, regardless of being its own city and community, is on its own island. So, by proper grammar and use of preposition of 'on' versus 'in'. The Club particularly thanks LARRY BAVO "for doing such a great job with the Show's advertising".

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB

Last October 19, 2003, the CCC enjoyed its Annual Banquet, held at Cupertino's Blue Pheasant Restaurant, with "thirty-nine members who savored the great food, exciting bingo games, and especially the warm camaraderie". The traditional Bingo Games were called by AL LO, and he continues, ad interim, as the CCC's COIN PRESS Editor. Later at the November 14, 2003 meeting, CCC did its annual 'The Beauty and The Beast': "The Beauty and Beast Contest once again proved very popular with seven 'Beauty' contestants and ten 'Beast' contestants. 'Beauties' were some dazzling silver strikes, a nice proof coin, some Chinese Olympic coins, a South African gold sovereign, and the Winner: an Alaskan gold plated fox proof silver medal. The 'Beast' contestants were old and BU----beat up----coins: United States Cents and Five Cents, a Chinese coin, a British Pound, a Canadian Maple Leaf, and the Winner: a remaining half of a Silver Certificate 'Short Snorter'". The CCC reminds that its Thirty-Second (32nd) Cupertino Coin Show is on Sunday, February 15, 2003, in Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, California. The Show has a full bourse, exhibits, and drawings, with convenient free parking. Admission is a nominal \$2.00. *Note:* Your Editor has plans, yet to be confirmed, to do a combination 'information and youth table' during this Show.

DELTA COIN CLUB

Plans to install its 2004 Officers at its Annual Dinner, on Friday, January 9, 2004, at U.J.s Restaurant, Stockton, California, with Your Editor again presiding as the Master of Ceremonies. This is the second year the Club has chosen U.J.s over the Stockton's Eagles' Hall: easier, more food, and no clean-up or set-up. The 2004 DCC Officers are: WILLIAM HORNING, President, ANTHONY RANTZ, Vice-President, LORIS ENZMINGER, Treasurer, LUELLA GRIEP, Recording Secretary, and SYDNEY KASS, Corresponding Secretary. At this Annual Dinner, along with the drawings, festivities, and the aforementioned installation, the Club shall institute a new honor: 'The Elden Enzminger Award', with the first two, it is believed, recipients being inducted. Earlier, at the December 12, 2003 meeting, CLIFFORD MISHLER, retired from Krause Publications, visited and addressed the Club, sharing experiences and enthusiasm from his half-a-century in numismatics, remembering his first coin purchases and still having these coins in his collections, if not easily located after fifty years! MR. MISHLER was bestowed Honorary

Membership #7 in the DCC, joining a growing list of respected titled Honorary Members: LEE H. GONG and MICHAEL S. TURRINI were responsible for arranging and driving MR. MISHLER to the Club, through the rain and storm which had just hit our northern California. What impressed MR. MISHLER was that SYD KASS, longtime DCC Editor of its monthly NEWSLETTER, prints it on recycled United States currency, done by the Crane Company. As of January 2004, thirty-three (33) consecutive issues have been issued on these difficult to obtain recycled paper, save one ream given to MR. MISHLER, as a gift.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The DNS is one local coin club which is asked to have mailed a complimentary copy of its monthly DIABLO DIE BREAK to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. Thank You. Foremost, for NCNAers and many fellow coin hobbyists within northern California, most already know, but NANCY-JO STANLEY, wife of MICHAEL M. STANLEY, has had a long recent combat with her health, leading to two extended hospital stays, two operations, and now an extended home recovery, with confines to bed and rest. NANCY-JO, never a coin hobbyist per se herself, has been involved over the decades with MICHAEL and his copious activities, and in fact, one of their first dates was to the San Francisco Coin Club. Now, who can say 'coins' and 'love' cannot mix! Both MICHAEL and NANCY-JO would appreciate your prayers and well-wishes. E-mail to xsteamerrx@aol.com or '2107 Gill Drive, Concord, California, 95420-2232'. As for the DNS itself, the latest news that it has new Officers for 2004, and they are: JAMES LAIRD, President, GORDON R. DONNELL, Vice-President, MICHAEL M. STANLEY, Secretary, and MARK CLARKSON, Treasurer.

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB

Although the courtesy of the California State Numismatic Association's (CSNA)) CALCOIN NEWS, Winter 2003, reprinted Your Editor's Eulogy, as a kind reminder, FCC, as well as the Vallejo Numismatic Society, Western Wooden Money Club, and Solano Silver Round Club, lost a dear member and friend, JOSEPH R. SIROIS (1941-2003), last October 1, 2003 to a long battle with cancer. Posthumously, he was awarded an American Numismatic Association (ANA) 'Regional Coordinator's Citation', adding to his numerous honors and awards. 'Fly, West, JOE! We Shall Land Together Again!'. At the October 11, 2003 meeting, Your Editor brought his highly audience oriented and educating 'Counting Us II' to the FCC: "even with a smaller-than-usual attendance, some interesting statistics and stories were learned. First, the total library of those present was six hundred thirty-five (635) books, and words used to explain the primary factor in one's numismatic enjoyment were: 'interest', 'people'. 'quality', 'knowledge', 'travel', 'savings', 'money', 'fellowship', and 'interesting'. Most of those present, save two, had their first experience in coins as a young age. Also, most all remembered their first coin and still had it!". FCC has its 2004 Fairfield Coin Show set for Sunday, September 12, 2004 again at the Fairfield Community Center, 1000 East Kentucky, off Pennsylvania, in Fairfield, California's civic center area. The Show has planned a full bourse, two collector meetings, and drawings with free admission and parking.

FREMONT COIN CLUB

Elected its 2004 Officers, and they are: ALAN DOUGLASS, President, BILL BURKE, First Vice-President, JACKIE COLLINS, Second Vice-President, BRIITA EHLERS, Treasurer, ALISTAIR SKINNER, Corresponding Secretary, and DAVE COLLINS, Recording Secretary. There were elected at the Club's November 25, 2004 meeting, and to be installed at the Club's famous Installation Dinner on Sunday, January 11, 2004 at Fremont's Spin-A-Yard Restaurant. Going back to the October 14, 2003 meeting, the speaker was GARY ACQUISTAPACE, who "told us all about his latest trip to Australia, and the ordeals of securing gaming chips from the casinos in Australia. He noted that Australia is made-up of six different states, and that the Australian Dollar is worth only sixty (60) United States Cents". The Club recognized special thanks to RAY and MARTHA ROBERTI, of Lodi, California, for "their recent donation of old coins to the Club's Junior Members. In their donation were Buffalo Five Cents and 1943 steel cents". At the November 11, 2003 meeting, SAM MODRALL brought "his Youthville token and set of molds for making casino chips, legality unknown". Hum.

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

At the Club's November 11, 2003 meeting, the 2004 Officers were elected: JAMES OBLER, President, DIXIE TUCK, Vice-President, JILL SHEPHARD, Secretary, and JIM DEFFENDALL, Treasurer, with SANDRA ARIE, Auction Coordinator. As reported by RANDY CLIFTON, FRESNO NUMISMATIST Editor, it was "believe-it-or-not, we had one of the smoothest elections one could hope for. When asked to the call to duty, we got response". As a passing note, he reported "Oh, and un, your present Editor was asked to stay on and after making sure no one else really, really wanted to do it, he agreed to continue being the Editor".

GATEWAY COIN CLUB

President CRAIG BLAKE at the Club's November 20, 2003 meeting presented a unique program, one Your Editor has yet to learn about being done at other local coin clubs. He "administered a mind-boggling examination on the United States Currency. Tiny details from various modern notes were increased in size by four hundred (400) per cent, and members were then asked to identify what these fragments were part of and from which note did these come. DOUG HIATT took First Place with four out of ten right responses, and this was a tough test! JOHN HOFFMAN and JOHN FISHER tied for Second Place with 3.67 points each". Earlier at the November 6, 2003 meeting, JOEL ANDERSON provided a slide show on Early American Counterfeit Coins. At this same meeting, President CRAIG BLAKE for the Club presented both JOEL and LILA ANDERSON "attractive plaques commemorating their amazing service record to the Gateway Coin Club and its members for close to two decades, along with their daughter, GRACE, of course, is now a Freshman at the United States Air Force Academy". Going back to the October 2, 2003 meeting, Club Founder VINCE PERAINO visited the Club. He for his "being a founding member and early giant in the Club was accorded Life Membership #1" back in 1977.

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Held its Annual Book Sale last October 21, 2003--*changing the usual First Tuesday date due to California's Recall Election*---and another success was reported. Although receipts have yet to be compiled and accounted, the Club does thank "Auctioneer STEPHEN M. HUSTON, who year-after-year finds time for us to call the Auction. We also want to thank all the individuals who contributed books for this Auction, including DAVID W. LANGE, who always sends material from the other side of the planet, namely Florida, and NIF LUCKHARDT, who sent material from Madison, Wisconsin. We also thank PETER HAMILTON, VINCE LACARIERE, KEN BARR, and JOE WARGO, who come through year-after-year with books, along with FRANK L. KOVACS, MARK SIMS, JOHN FOLWAN, ROBERT SMITH, and STEPHEN HUSTON, who also brings material every year that he auctions". At the Book Sale, the drawing for the Wine Bottle Filled With Five Cents (Nickels) was drawn with RAY KAWOLSKI as the winner. The LNS intends to continue this fund-raiser with another Wine Bottle Filled With Ten Cents (Dimes), coordinated by CHRIS THOMPSON. For the closing LNS 2003 meeting, December 2nd, there was strange in-house notice in the LNS' newsletter: "The Board has spoken and declared that NO Money Sorting Machines shall be brought for Auction on the December 2nd, AL!!!!". Hum. Who is 'AL'?

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB

STEVE and SHARON KRAMER hosted the LVCC Annual Potluck Dinner at their home on December 16, 2003. The Club appreciates the recent cash donation from KEN BARR, and printing donated by BARRY STALLARD. The Club has placed "a call for wooden nickels issued by the LVCC. The purpose is to put together a history of woods issued by the Club. It would go on display at the LVCC Coin Shows". Contact the LVCC at 'PO Box 610, Livermore, California, 94550-0610'. Nice Idea!

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Heard JERRY SCHIMMEL revisit his 'Old Streets of San Francisco' at its October 22, 2003 meeting: "JERRY also noted the contributions of our recently deceased member, and Past President, DR. PAUL HOLTZMAN, who always encouraged publishing and research and gave JERRY excellent editorial advice over the years. MR. SCHIMMEL then confused us

with tokens bearing old street names which in many instances no longer exist: butcher JJ Regan on Fifth Avenue in the south-of-Market area; J. Cosgrove on Tonquin Street in the Marina District, and East Street, which now the Embarcadero, plus Deesadero in now spelled Divisadero. . . it was intriguing to see current businesses located where old saloons, grocery stores, or cigar shops once existed. All-in-all, a very nice talk and compelling slide-illustrations!". Later, at the November 26, 2003 meeting, PHIL NORDIN spoke on 'Philippine UFOs'; however, as PCNS newsletters have been incomplete in mailing, no report might be given on another interesting PCNS talk. *Note:* Local coin clubs, make sure a complimentary copy of your respective periodical is mailed to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.

PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Had enjoyed so much the Napredak Hall, in San Jose, California, that it has reserved the Hall for its coin shows through 2006. The Club also stated "our special thanks to PCC Life Member MICHAEL S. TURRINI, who once again operated the Youth, Information, and Coin Hobby Introduction Table at our Annual Coin Show. We very much appreciate his 'grass roots' efforts to introduce interested individuals to our hobby. His very interesting numismatic exhibits, information, magazines, hobby newspapers, free State Quarter Boards, and foreign coins do much to spark interest and bring new hobbyists into numismatics". *Thanks, PCC, Your Editor.* The PCC ended 2003 year with a festive gathering at its December 8th meeting: "holiday drinks and cookies for attendees".

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB

Had some seventy (70) members and visitors enjoy and eat at its November 12, 2003 Annual Thanksgiving Dinner: "Thanks once again to LEE H. GONG and G&G Market for the turkey and fixings". DR. CHARLES CATLETT paused in the November 2003 monthly RECC's newsletter to express gratitude for the special members who in the past twelve months have elevated the RECC to higher plateaus: MERLE AVILA, President, LEE H. GONG, Vice-President, ANN NOLEN, Treasurer, WILLIE QUARANTE, Drawing Sales, MIKE ARANDA, 50/50, and even the Veterans Memorial Auditorium, to which he noted that "the first meeting at our new place seemed so vacant and odd, but it is hard to imagine how we could grow and progress without the extra space". In touching tribute, he also noted his personal sadness at the passing, in 2003, of BILL WEBER and HORACE MOORE: "both were wonderful, friendly, and knowledgeable collectors. Their collections were fabulous, but their friendship was the most impressive part of both men. They shall be long remembered".

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB

Has elected its 2004 Officers, and they are: BUB RANDOLPH, President, BOB SPACEK, Vice-President, MARION IMEL, Secretary, BILL McCASLIN, Corresponding Secretary, and MEL DODSON, Treasurer. At the SVCC's December 10, 2003 meeting, CLIFFORD MISHLER, retired from Krause Publications, visited and "presented a very interesting view of the changes that have taken place in our hobby since 1950, the year he and several members of our Club began collecting. Harking back to his previous business experience, he recalled very few local coin clubs were in existence and coin shows held in the early 1950s as compared to today. He also discussed the fact that very few coin publications were around then, and nothing was available to collectors of price guides, or like, to assist them in buying and selling coins. MR. MISHLER also discussed the growth of coin publications, particularly NUMISMATIC NEWS, which Krause's first publication. . . A Most Enjoyable Presentation!". The SVCC will be holding its Annual Installation Dinner on January 14, 2004, at Sacramento's Dante Club, with CHRIS CIPOLETTI, the American Numismatic Association (ANA) Executive Director, talking.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB

Must be mighty proud of its 'Roving Ambassador', GORDON R. DONNELL, who was elevated to a Krause Publication's 'Numismatic Ambassador' this past Saturday, December 13, 2003 during the Seventeenth (17th) Annual Joint Christmas Party of the Fairfield Coin Club and Vallejo Numismatic Society, in Fairfield, California. Before a crowd of some seventy-four (74) fellow coin hobbyists and attendees, CLIFFORD MISHLER, for Krause Publications, did the honors. Present were

seven (7) 'Numismatic Ambassadors', in order of presentation: O.L. WALLIS, 1984, EDGAR D. FULWIDER, 1986, MICHAEL S. TURRINI, 1995, LEE H. GONG, 2000, MICHAEL M. STANLEY, 2000, DR. DONALD H. KAGIN, 2002, and CLIFFORD MISHLER, 2003. This title and honor of 'Numismatic Ambassador' is most appropriate for MR. DONNELL, since last April 2003, then SJCC President SALLY JOHNSON declared him 'San Jose Coin Club's Roving Ambassador'. Not to take-away from the SJCC, Your Editor, in one of his last functions and actions as the Diablo (Concord/Walnut Creek, California) Numismatic Society's President, cited him as that Society's 'Ambassador-At-Large'. You might say is an 'Ambassador' three-times-over! ***Congratulations, GORDON!***

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB Yes, 'F' is before 'J'; but, in Adobe Pagemaker, it is not easy to insert as Microsoft Word. So, 'San Francisco' is now after 'San Jose', which to the communities themselves some would argue that as fact! Speaking of recognitions, MARK W. CLARK, SFCC's devoted booster, Secretary, Editor, and anything else that has to be done, was bestowed an American Numismatic Association (ANA) 'Regional Coordinator's Citation' for his exemplary effort and endeavors, single-handedly, to save the San Francisco Coin Club. His enthusiasm has kept the Club 'afloat'. ***Congratulations, MARK!***

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB Has the final mintage for its 'Centennial of Powered Flight' at seventy-one (71) silver rounds. The SSRC is much beyond the boundaries of Solano County, its home, for it has members in New Mexico, Ohio, and British Columbia, Canada, to name a few locations. CLIFFORD MISHLER included the SSRC with his visit to northern California, sharing some stories at its December 11, 2003 meeting, which was held at Pietro's #1, in Vacaville, California. His remembrances of his first youthful coin purchase from the legendary Tatham Coin and Stamp Company, of Springfield, Massachusetts, was his first venture into numismatics, for the on-approval fee of ten cents and a three cent stamp, an investment of \$1.00 total in charges, that commenced a fifty-plus year involvement in and with numismatics. MR. MISHLER still retains these coins, although their value has yet to increase beyond the \$1.00 charge back in 1950!

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB Voted to remain at its current location, 'Denny's, 125 McHenry, north off Orangeburg, in Modesto, California'. There was a proposal to return the Club to a former meeting site; yet, the membership rejected the proposal. The SCCC Officers for 2004 are: RASHA C. ROBINSON, President, ROBERT SAMUEL, Vice-President, GARY STAGNO, Recording Secretary, TONY SOUSA, Corresponding Secretary, and HAL DeBOARD, Treasurer. Going back to the Club's September 9, 2003 meeting, President RASHA C. ROBINSON presented Certificates to LES SCHOOLCRAFT, DOUG DANIELS, TERRY WOODWARD, BOB SWAIN, GARY and SYLVIA STAGNO, and to RICK and DOLLY for the Club's coin show organizing, LAURIE and RON HEFNER, Librarians, JOAN and AL ALVAREZ, Club Picnic, PATTY PARMLEE, Sunshine, and ROBERT SAMUEL, Fourth of July Parade.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Announced that as part of its Golden Jubilee festivities in 2004, it has a Golden Jubilee Banquet scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2004, at Vallejo Elks' Lodge #559, with JOHN and NANCY WILSON, of the American Numismatic Association (ANA), as the Master of Ceremonies and speakers. Their slide program is titled '*Fifty Neat Items*', and the Drawing at this Banquet has committed over \$1500.00 in gold coin prizes! Table favors and gifts will add to the Banquet's celebration of the Society's Fifty Years, 1954-2004. The Society has invited, and hopes to have present also, GARY E. LEWIS, current American Numismatic Association (ANA) President, plus other dignitaries. This Banquet is only one event, if the highlight, of festivities that the VNS commemorates its Golden Jubilee in 2004. Information on this Banquet may be contacted at the VNS via 'PO Box 4281, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410' or e-mailed to EMPERORI@juno.com or telephoned to '510-787-2840'. An appeal to past or former member VNS members is announced to contact the Society. The other big news item is that a week later the VNS

its Thirty-Second (32nd) Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show, Sunday, May 2, 2004, at a new site, the Vallejo Community Center, 225 Amador, off Georgia, in Vallejo, California. *Note:* The preposition 'in' is correct here, for Vallejo is not an island, although located across from 'Mare Island'. This Show----with its bourse 'sold-out' since October 2003----is scheduled to be a full-day event: free admission and parking, exhibits, collector meetings, All Gold Coin Drawing, Youth Table, and more! Information on this Show may be telephoned at '510-547-0518'. At this Society's and its neighbors, the Fairfield Coin Club's Seventeenth (17th) Annual Joint Christmas Party, last Saturday, December 13 2003, two respected VNS members were honored with the Joint Plaque: IRENE CARRILLO and HARRY W. DAVIS, respectfully. They have been a team for over twenty years, and it all began on a Greyhound Bus.

VISALIA COIN CLUB Has lost its Secretary and Editor RUTH M. PHILLIPS, who after "three years, I would like to thank you all for making my service to the Club an enjoyable one. I feel as though I am letting you all down by quitting, but my age and health have determined that I have to make some changes in my routine. I will still come to an occasional meeting if someone picks me up and delivers me back home, because I am very uncomfortable driving at night. I cherish the new friends that I have made in Visalia and I thank you again for that too. So. All Good Things Must Come To An End!". The December 2003 VCC newsletter was her last issue.

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What I believe and what I advocate is that we must remember and respect the past and the past of those who made the present possible, as we must make the future solid and sure for those after us.

Years ago, Stephen M. Huston wrote and spoke on an interesting theme, of how today's hobbyists are the *trustees* for tomorrow's hobbyists. The care and condition of coins allows others, decades or centuries yet to be, to enjoy choice coins in their collections.

The names that were listed earlier were *trustees* of our hobby. Their time, toil, tribulations, and trouble left a legacy across our northern California region, called local coin clubs, some twenty-five plus now.

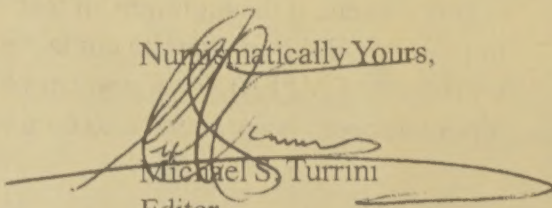
For me, having known some of the names listed or heard of them now that NCNA HEADS AND TALES advances to its first quarter century, they are the mentors, the advocates, the toilers, the workers---*-yea, the celebrants*----that sowed and left for us our organized numismatics.

That is why I remember. That is why each one of us should, at least, pause once to remember.

Someone, long ago, unlocked the cabinet, put the coffee pot out, checked the post office box, completed a membership card, licked a stamp, and gave a cheap coin to a youngster, and these simple, often repeated acts, made, in their small ways, the hobby of today. These were done not by my machines from a Sci-Fi movie; rather, they were done by hundreds of 'Maxines', and their legacy has been entrusted to us, who are the *celebrants* of our hobby for the unknown 'Maxines' of tomorrow.

That Is Why.

Numismatically Yours,


Michael S. Turrini
Editor



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NOR-CAL COIN SHOW V IS ON

After a hiatus of two years and some unforeseen events and circumstances, Michael M. Stanley, current President of the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), proudly announced that the Association has its **Nor-Cal V Coin Show** scheduled and ready to go.

"It has taken a team effort and a lot of e-mails, meetings, and telephones call, but we have a date and we have a venue, and all we now need is 'to-do-it'", Mike Stanley reported. "I have not seen so much rough seas and green water trying to get this Nor-Cal afloat since my dates on the *USS Enterprise* in the South China Sea thirty-plus years ago!", he explained in his excitement. "But, we did make port."

The 2004 Nor-Cal V Coin Show has been set for *Saturday and Sunday, December 4 and 5, 2004, hours 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM both days, in the Fremont (California) Elks' Lodge #2121, 38991 Farwell Drive, off Mowry, in Fremont, California.*

The two-day **Nor-Cal V Coin Show** plans a full bourse, exhibits, collector meetings, drawings, Youth Table, and much more. Admission and parking are both FREE.

Leading the **Nor-Cal V Show** Committee is Michael M. Stanley, who is well-known in northern California numismatics and now in his fifth decade with and for organized numismatics.

Bourse is being handled by Vincent O. Lacariere, and Bourse Applications have become available. He may be reached at '*Fremont Coin Gallery, 3769 Peralta Blvd., Suite #L, Fremont, California, 94536-3758*' with telephone at *510-792-1511* and e-mail at coinvince@aol.com.

Program and promotion are being expedited by Michael S. Turrini, who is also an established advocate for northern California and national organized numismatics. Collector groups seeking a venue to meet with free promotion are welcomed to contact him at '*PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410*' with e-mail at EMPERORI@juno.com.

Although the **Nor-Cal V** is twelve months away, NCNA is committed to mirror its legendary 'Jack Tar Show', in San Francisco, California, once a mainstay on the national coin show circuit.

Information on NCNA may be contacted at '*PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410*' with e-mails to either EMPERORI@juno.com or stanyrbk@vusd.solanocoe.k12.ca.us. Telephone contacts may be to *510-547-0518*, and alternate mailing address is '*PO Box 20372, Oakland, California, 94620-0372*'.

RON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD "The Miller Medal"

YEAR	RECIPIENT	DATE	SITE OF PRESENTATION	NCNA PRESIDENT
1995	MICHAEL S. TURRINI	5-May-96	24th Vallejo Coin Show, Vallejo	Fred G. van den Haak
1996	GORDON R. DONNELL	14-Dec-96	FCC/VNS 10th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Fred G. van den Haak
1997	JAN D. HENKE	13-Dec-97	FCC/VNS 11th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Gordon R. Donnell
1997	O.L. WALLIS	13-Dec-97	FCC/VNS 11th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Gordon R. Donnell
1998	EDWARD SINS	26-Sep-98	SICC October 14, 1998 Meeting, San Jose	Gordon R. Donnell
1998	MICHAEL M. STANLEY	26-Sep-98	RE/CC/VNS 'Commen Night', Amercian Canyon	Gordon R. Donnell
1999	EDGAR D. FULWIDER	3-Aug-99	LNS August 3, 1999 Meeting, Millbrae	Michael M. Stanley
1999	LEE H. GONG	13-Aug-99	ANA CONFCA Banquet, Chicago	Michael M. Stanley
2000	<i>None Presented</i>			
2001	DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR.	28-Jul-01	4th Annual Nor-Cal Show Banquet, Concord	Michael M. Stanley
2002	ALVIN H.W. LO	14-Dec-02	FCC/VNS 16th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Michael M. Stanley
2003	FRED G. van den HAAK	13-Dec-03	FCC/VNS 17th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Michael M. Stanley
2004				

Note: 'The Miller Medal' is selected and awarded by and from the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), with a maximum of two (2) per calendar year. It is named for the late Ronald Lee Miller (1944-1993).

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These coin show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 49306-0484.

- Jan.16-8, 2004 SAN JOSE. San Jose Coin, Stamp and Collectors Show, San Jose Convention Center, Exhibit Hall 3, 408 Almaden Blvd., San Jose. Information: (408) 973-1606 or see web page at www.sanjosecoinclub.org. Admission \$3.
- Feb. 15, 2004 SAN JOSE. "Cupertino" Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Admission Adults \$2, 17 and under free. Bourse: Bruce Braga (408) 865-0720 or write to: Cupertino Coin Club, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, Ca. 95015-0448
- Feb. 28-9, 2004 SANTA ROSA. Redwood Empire Coin Club Annual Show, E.L. Finley Bldg., Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Road., Santa Rosa. Bourse: Merle Avila (707) 585-3711. Admission \$1, under 12 free.
- Mar. 14, 2004 LIVERMORE. Livermore Valley Coin Club 38th Annual Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Howard Kosanke, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551. Phone (925) 449-1973.
- Mar.26-8, 2004 DUBLIN. "2004" Token Jamboree, Western States Token Society, Best Western Monarch Hotel, 6680 Regional Street, Dublin, Ca. Bourse/Information: Michael Wehner (415) 928-4469
- May 2, 2004 VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society 3 2nd Annual Show, Vallejo Community Center, 225 Amador Street, off Georgia in West Vallejo. Info: 510-547-0518 or 925-825-0649; E Mail: xsteamex@aol.com or EMPERORI@juno.com.
- June 13, 2004 MERCED. Gateway Coin Club 31st Annual Coin Expo., Merced Community Senior Center, 755 West 15th Street at "O" Street in downtown Merced. Bourse: Teresa Lund Phone: 1-209-722-2169 or e mail: rtlund@elite.net
- Aug. 14-5, 2004 FREMONT. Fremont Coin Club Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince LaCariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538.

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Sept. 26, 2004 ALAMEDA. Alameda Coin Club Coin Show, Alameda High School, Boys/Girls Gym, Oak Street, Alameda. Bourse: Don Barsi , P.O. Box 7989, Fremont, Ca. 94537.

Oct. 31, 2004 San Jose. Peninsula Coin Club 2 5th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Ph.:(650) 498-4158

Dec. 4-5, 2004 FREMONT. NorCal V Coin Show *(The "N.C.N.A.")
* [Formerly N.C.N.A. Jack Tar/Cathedral Hill Show],
Fremont Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca.
Bourse Info: Vince Lacariere (510) 792-1511



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6:00 PM No-Host and Get-Acquainted Hour----7:00 PM Program and Dinner
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Master of Ceremonies and Speakers
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Topic: 'Fifty Neat Items'

A slide-illustrated program of fifty numismatic items that can enthused both the novice or advanced hobbyist.
\$1500.00 in only gold coin Drawing (raffle) Prizes!----Table Favors!----Commemorative Keepsakes!

Menu Choices: *salmon with rice* or *prime rib with potato*

Menu Includes Full Served Dinner. (Tax and Tip, Too.)

Cost: **\$20.00, per person**----Deadline: April 15, 2004

No-Walk-Ins, *Please*----Reservations A Must!

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Come and Enjoy An Evening Filled With Good Food, Great Festivity, Generous Prizes and Favors, and Grand Fellowship! In addition, it is hoped that GARY E. LEWIS, American Numismatic Association (ANA) President, and other dignitaries, may be present. This Banquet is open to all fellow coin hobbyists and any hobbyist. Note: Banquet Tickets shall be held until that April 24th evening and distributed upon arrival. Thank You.

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